

This is
my body
which is
for you;
do this
— in —
remembrance
of me.

1 Corinthians 11:24

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST JUNE 6, 2010

Today's Readings:

Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Luke 9:11b-17



Calendared Events

JUNE 7-13, 2010

7th - MONDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

7:00 PM Prayer Group - Conference Room 1-2

8th - TUESDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

6:30 PM Samoan Choir Practice - Church

6:30 PM K of C (Spc Mtg) - Conference Room 1-2

9th - WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

6:00 PM 8am Choir Practice - Church

6:30 PM Tai Chi - Conference Room 1-2

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus - Hall Mtg Room 8

7:00 PM YCL Meeting - Hall

8:00 PM AA Group - 4th Grade Classroom

10th - THURSDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

5:00 PM Line Dancing - Hall

6:30 PM Samoan Choir Practice - Conf Room 1-2

7:30 PM YCL Choir Practice - Church

11th - FRIDAY

King Kamehameha Day (Rectory will be closed.)

7:00 AM MASS - Church

5:00 PM Adoration / Benediction - Church

12th - SATURDAY

7:00 AM MASS - Church

12:00 PM K of C (Spc Mtg) - Hall Mtg Room 8

6:00 PM MASS - Church

7:30 PM AA - 3rd Grade Classroom

8:00 PM Al-Anon - 4th Grade Classroom

13th - SUNDAY (Regular Mass Schedule)

9:30 AM Filipino Catholic Club Meeting - Hall

MISSION STATEMENT

We, St. Elizabeth Parish in Aiea, a Roman Catholic faith community in the Diocese of Honolulu, live and proclaim the Gospel through the joyful celebration of the Eucharist in the Spirit of Aloha. We are committed to on-going faith formation, engaging in the ministries of charity, and promoting social justice and respect for life.



Readings for the Week

Monday, June 7

1 Kings 17:1-6; Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday, June 8

1 Kings 17:7-16; Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday, June 9

1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, June 10

1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 5:20-26

Friday, June 11

*The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Ezekiel 24:11-16; Romans 5:5b-11
Luke 15:3-7*

Saturday, June 12

*Immaculate Heart of Mary
1 Kings 19:19-21; Luke 2:41-51*

Sunday, June 13

*2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13
Galatians 2:16, 19-21
Luke 7:36-8:3*

Welcome
to Our Church

Pastor's Corner

Fr. Thomas Purayidathil

MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

This Sunday (June 6) we keep the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. “The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the Blessed Eucharist is continued the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself ...” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1324.*) In the beginning we had only the feast of the Body of Christ (Corpus Christi), instituted by Pope Urban IV in 1264. On August 10, 1849 Pope Pius IX decreed that on the first Sunday in July the feast of the Most Precious Blood should be celebrated by the universal Church. In the recent past the two feasts were combined and now we have it celebrated on the Sunday following the Trinity Sunday.

The Gospel of John makes it very clear that Jesus taught that His body is real food and His blood is real drink. “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you.” Some Christian denominations believe that Jesus was only speaking symbolically. But it is the tradition and faith of the Catholic Church that Jesus meant exactly what He said. He wanted His followers to eat His body and drink His blood. The Jewish people had never allowed the drinking of blood of any animal. They believed that whatever gave life was contained in the blood. To drink blood would be a way of getting around God who only can give life. To drink blood which contains the essence of life would be a way of saying I can possess life without God. They sprinkled the people with blood but never drank blood. To them Jesus gave the command to drink His blood. In other words by drinking the blood of Christ and eating His flesh we partake of the very life of Christ.

Belief in the Eucharist and the real presence of Christ in the form of bread and wine is central to our faith. All other sacraments and the very life of the Church are centered on the Eucharist. Jesus remains with us through His sacramental presence and lets us be grateful for this great gift. Let us prepare ourselves for it through a good confession. The Eucharistic Lord will bless us abundantly and we will be able to grow in our faith nourished by this heavenly food. May the celebration of this feast bring us ever closer to Christ and one another!

ST. DAMIEN - APOSTLE OF THE EUCHARIST

Father Damien was truly an Apostle of the Eucharist. This love he had for the Eucharist was transmitted to his lepers. He brought them to closer union with their Maker through the beautiful liturgies *he organized, frequent Benediction, and Eucharistic Processions.* It was when he set up numerous adoration chapels that he experience the depth of the lepers' faith and devotion. Related to the establishment of *Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration on the island*, Father Damien wrote to his provincial in 1888, “*This is the fifteenth year we observe night adoration ..., all of us lepers.*” Father Damien lived for the Eucharist. It was this strong apostleship that filled the lives of the lepers. Their Eucharistic adoration was an edifying homage to the Lord. He wrote to his brother, “*Without the constant presence of Our Divine Master, I would never be able to cast my lot with that of the lepers.*”

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With prayers and blessings!

Fr. Tom



Sunday Reflection

Fr. Jon Cabico

Breaking Open the Word for June 06, 2010: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, Year C

First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

In this passage from Genesis, we hear how the priest-king of Salem, Melchizedek, offered up bread and wine as gifts to Abraham after Abraham had defeated his political enemies. Salem is the same part of Canaan that later becomes Jerusalem. Melchizedek attributes Abraham's victory to God's help. Here, Melchizedek prefigures or foreshadows Jesus in the sense that Melchizedek is both priest and king, and that he offers up bread and wine with a blessing; however, the bread and wine that Jesus offers up are His Body and Blood on the altar of the cross, which He alludes to during the Last Supper.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4

Psalm 110 speaks of royalty, leading some scholars to believe that it was used as part of the coronation ceremony for the Davidic kings of Israel. The verses chosen for today's responsorial psalm can be divided into three parts. First, verse 1 voices God's invitation to rule at His right hand. Second, verses 2 & 3 speak of the power God gives to the Davidic king over his people. Thus, the scepter – a sign of royal power – is given by God and signifies the covenant the people had with their god-given king. Third, verse 4 of the psalm declares the king to be the leader of the nation of Israel in worship, claiming him to be "...a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek," the same Melchizedek we hear of in today's first reading from Genesis. Scripture does not tell us the origin or destiny of Melchizedek, which means that his line of kings is meant to last forever. Christians see Jesus Christ as the final and eternal priest-king of the "order of Melchizedek," thus bringing the destiny of this line of kings to its fulfillment.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Immediately before this passage, St. Paul had rebuked the Corinthian community for failing to share the "Lord's supper" together. Paul reminds them that their Eucharistic celebration is to be in remembrance of Jesus, who gave an example of self-sacrificing love. To make clear that their celebrations of the "Lord's supper" involve Jesus' real presence, St. Paul recalls Jesus' institution of the Eucharist, followed by the claim that "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord" (1 Cor 11:27).

Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17

Today's passage from Luke for this "Corpus Christi" solemnity is not Luke's account of the Last Supper, but is instead Luke's account of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves. Nevertheless, today's story actually alludes to the up-coming Last Supper, thus giving today's story a deeper meaning. On the surface, today's passage seems to be a miracle story. In miracle stories, two characteristics stand out: 1) the miraculous result is pointedly claimed to be the result of Jesus' action, and 2) the result is emphasized by the crowd's reaction of awe and amazement to Jesus' action. Both characteristics are missing from today's passage, such that, if we had been members of the crowd being fed, we would not have been aware that a great and powerful act had been accomplished in our midst! And instead of focusing on what Jesus can do, this passage focuses on what the apostles are asked to do. After Jesus speaks to the crowd about the kingdom of God and heals the sick, the apostles themselves come to Him with the concern about the crowd's hunger. But instead of asking Jesus to care for the people, the apostles ask Him to send them away! Jesus' response to the disciples focuses our attention to what He is asking His followers to do: "Give them some food yourselves." But they fail to even try. The allusion to the Last Supper comes in the following scene, with Jesus "taking the five loaves and two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd." The sequence of take-bless-break-give follows the pattern that Jesus sets during the Last Supper, wherein He institutes the Eucharist that we still celebrate today. Thus, Luke uses today's passage to remind us that Jesus is always present with us during each Eucharist, giving us the grace we need to "give them some food [ourselves]," so that no one need be sent away "hungry" for Christ.

WEEKLY COLLECTION



Last Week's Collection	\$ 10,630.50
Building Fund	\$ 217.00
Energy	\$.00
Candles	\$ 307.00
Total Collection for May 29-30, 2010	\$ 11,154.50
<i>Catholic Herald</i>	\$.00
<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	\$ 130.00

Every year, the Diocese approves a list of second collections and provides envelopes for this purpose. In June, our collection will be for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence) (June 25-26). To assist with this, St. Elizabeth's will donate 10% of the 4th Sunday's collection in May.

Faith Formation Conference 2010 - Oahu

"Grow Strong in Spirit"



When: Wed., June 23 - Sat., June 26, 2010
Where: **NEW LOCATION:**
Holy Family Catholic Church & Academy
830 Main Street, Honolulu

To download a registration booklet or register online go to www.hi-care.org. The Faith Formation Conference is for everyone who wishes to celebrate our Catholic Faith and deepen our communion with Christ through the presence, insights, wisdom, and support of our facilitators and each other.

Additional information is also available through Manette Kokubun, Religious Ed Coordinator, at 487-7994.



Got food? Love to eat?

June 27 : Parish-wide Aloha Sunday Potluck & Farewell to Fr. Jon Cabico after the 10:00am Mass . . . If you have a dish or other delicious food item that you'd like to contribute, here's your chance. Take a look and check off what you'd like to bring. Think: sandwiches, baked breads, fruit, breakfast foods . . . one rule: must be delicious! (The parish will provide paper goods and drinks.) Mark your calendars. Get involved and come fellowship with YOUR parish ohana!**Coordinator: Manette Kokubun 487-7994**

We would greatly appreciate your help with this event and have noted below items we hope you will consider donating. Please return this form via the collection basket so that we can adequately prepare. Mahalo!

- Pastries Fried Rice Breakfast Items Sandwiches Hot Dogs
- Salads (Pasta or Green Leaf) Fruit Desserts Ice
- Other (please specify) _____ Clean Up

Name: _____ Phone No. _____

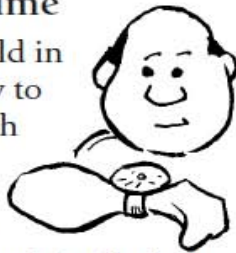
(All donations should be brought to the hall kitchen prior to Mass time; again mahalo for your generosity.)

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 **Thoughtful Moments**

Quiet time

Don't forget to build in time during your day to spend quiet time with God. It can be hard to carve out personal time away from your children and family, but making time for God each day will make you a better parent and spouse.

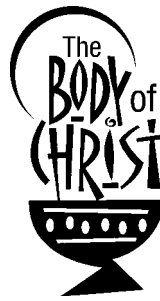
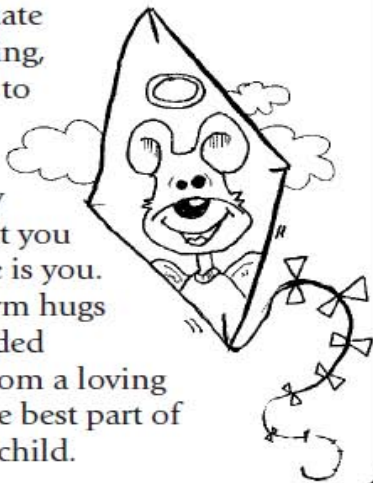


Top priority

In your busy family schedule, protect time for religious education and Sunday Mass above all else in your week. The skills your children acquire during their religious education classes will last throughout their lives. The graces they receive from attending Mass each Sunday will last forever.

Just you, yourself

We work hard so that we can give our children the very best of what we can provide. Certainly children need adequate food, clothing, and shelter to grow properly, but the very best of what you can provide is you. Getting warm hugs and undivided attention from a loving parent is the best part of being your child.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION
Fridays, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

We at St. Elizabeth Church have the opportunity to spend an hour with Jesus as a parish community. Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart.

“Come to Me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you”...Matthew 11:28

“My Peace is My Gift to you”...John 14:17

Please Join Us!

 **PRAY**
FOR OUR MILITARY

US AIR FORCE

- TSgt Frank Keoni Abreu*
- CSMJ James Bickie*
- SSgt Tevet Bruhn, Jr.*
- MSgt John Buendia*
- SSgt Darrell DeMotta*
- Sgt Bernard Espinosa*
- Sgt Edwin Espinosa*
- Brian Marcos, E7*
- TSgt Kristie Revera*
- MSgt Gary Rucks*

US ARMY

- Ethan Mae Aganon, E2*
- Spc Romar Agmata*
- SSgt Roke Almeida*
- Lt Col John E. Amadeo, Jr.*
- Richard Atmospera*
- PFC Rene Baliscao*
- Sgt Robert Calimlim*
- 1Lt Joseph Chaves, Jr.*
- Capt Frank Cho*
- Sgt Prescott Dela Cruz*
- SSgt Samuel DeMent*
- Lt Col David Doherty*
- CW3 Tomas Flores*
- Capt Ron Geronimo*
- CWO Andrew Keahiolalo*
- Spc Liza Lehua Lino*
- Bienvenido J. Pascua III (Res)*
- PV2 David Luis R. Quiambao*
- PV2 Richie Steven S. Quiambao*
- Sgt Philip Santiago*
- LTC John A. Smyrski*
- Sgt Shane K. Wada*
- Jerome LeHiwa Wills*
- Sgt Clifton Young*

US MARINES

- LCrp Jose Giron*
- Sgt Levingston D. Hodges III*

US NAVY

- PO1 Marc John Alejo (Res)*
- Capt Brad Bellis*
- MRC Antonio Castro*
- PO1 Arnel Gacad*
- PO2 Kristopher Keahiolalo*
- Lt JG David Silva*
- Cdr Jana Vavasour*

NATIONAL GUARD

- Spc Nick Abelardo*
- Joseph K. Ahsing*
- Sgt Efren Antonio*
- Sgt Clyde Bueno*
- BGen Joseph J. Chaves*
- Pelias Espinosa, Jr.*
- Sgt Shawn-Patrick K. Kalani*
- Ryan Mina*
- Sgt Lance Taufasau*
- Sgt Leonard H. Ventura*

OTHER

- Lorenzo Depaynos, Jr.*
- Howard Egger*
- James Fea'tiame*
- Pete Leao*
- Tofi & Frank Lopez*
- SFC Sampson T. O'Toole*
- Eric Soares*

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for the 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR; space is available in all grade levels on a first come first served basis. Contact the School Office for an application: 488-5322.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE a peer ministry support group for the widowed, divorced and permanently separated. We have an on going Monday evening support group. Call Arlene 949-3387 or Linda 294-8571 for more information.

Marriage Help – RETROUVAILLE (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information call 625-7430 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

FREE MINISTRY For nationwide Mass times & locations, call: 1-800-Mass-Times (1-800-627-7846) or check on-line at www.Masstimes.org.

REMEMBER HIS WILL IN YOURS - You can express your commitment to your Church by making a bequest in your Will. Simply include the following statement in your Will - *“I leave to the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii, St. Elizabeth Church, 99-312 Moanalua Road, Aiea, Hawaii 96701, \$__ or _____% of my estate (choose one). My gift may be used for general purposes (or specify for school, building fund, Diocese, etc.)”*. For more info see your Pastor or contact Robert J. Stillwell, Ed.D., Director of Development, at 203-6723.